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## Volunteer Program Report

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In the 42nd year of this district Volunteer Program, involvement has dropped from statistics reported in recent years, but the numbers are still exemplary. The Community Relations Coordinator will work with PTOCC and other key people to further understand possible impacts and define goals.

The alignment of volunteer support with the Vision 2010 goals appears on page 2.

### Volunteer Highlights

- ◆ **5,264** approximate volunteer tasks — This is a notable decrease in the five years of historical data shown in the chart at the bottom of this page. However, it is not as significant as the reported decrease in the number of hours.
- ◆ **58,322** approximate volunteer hours — This mirrors the decrease this year in volunteers tasks.
- ◆ **Number of volunteers and hours in specified categories:**

	2011 / 2010	2011 / 2010
	<u># of Tasks/Volunteers:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>
Classroom	<b>1,409 / 1,482</b>	<b>18,540 / 25,180</b>
Enrichment	<b>1,183 / 1,557</b>	<b>19,813 / 19,411</b>
Fundraising	<b>913 / 1,321</b>	<b>8,739 / 14,476</b>
Miscellaneous	<b>912 / 1,374</b>	<b>4,250 / 6,792</b>
PT(S)O—Mtgs., other	<b>755 / 548</b>	<b>2,757 / 2,911</b>
PTO Leadership	<b>76 / 88</b>	<b>3,835 / 5,111</b>
Site Councils	<b>16 / 26</b>	<b>388 / 789</b>

Classroom activities show the highest number of volunteer tasks/people reported. However, the largest amount of time was offered in enrichment activities. It is rewarding to note that volunteers spend the greatest amount of time where the increased student/adult ratio may positively and more directly impact outcomes in student learning.

### Historical Data Comparison

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Hours	73,421	70,168	70,897	74,670	58,322
Tasks	6,353	6,336	6,149	6,396	5,264

Note: This does not include the number of tasks/volunteers involved in district committees or their subcommittees, nor all of the end-of-the-year activities and events, which would represent significant additional tasks and hours.

*Strong minds, strong hearts, strong community*

## **Support of Vision 2010 Goals**

The range of volunteer activities continue to support district-wide goals. The following are not all-inclusive, but serve as examples of volunteer efforts and programs:

### **Instructional Program and Innovation**

- ◆ Math Olympiad, MathCounts, Math Clubs, Knowledge Masters
- ◆ Art Docent and Art Appreciation events
- ◆ Rock N Rollin Readers and the Eagle's Nest
- ◆ Salmon Release, Nature Mapping
- ◆ Harvest, Science, and Culture Fairs
- ◆ Band and Choir concerts, competitions and outside performances
- ◆ Geography Bees

### **Character, Climate and Community**

- ◆ HSPE and MSP support
- ◆ Annual Fitness Challenge
- ◆ Ice Cream Socials, carnivals, auctions
- ◆ Earth Day activities
- ◆ Memory books/yearbooks, school photos
- ◆ Staff appreciation
- ◆ Health screenings
- ◆ Student Recognition
- ◆ Lunch buddies

### **Facilities and Finance**

- ◆ Grounds beautification
- ◆ Fundraising, i.e. auctions, carnivals, book fairs, Dance Derby/Sock Hop, McTakers, E-Scrip
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness

## **Communication Highlights**

The Communication Plan has been implemented successfully this year, although budget considerations have decreased the number of publications, i.e. *OpenBook* newsletters and principal postcards to non-parent residents. Discontinuation of the printed parent handbook and calendar also was a result of budget considerations. Election fact sheets provided consistent points during our elections.

We have expanded the *SchoolMessenger* voice notification system by adding a texting option. Our Listserv continues to provide and is still the most preferred means for quick dissemination of information.

A new publication this year, the Volunteer Handbook, was made available in printed form to each school and PT(S)O, and it also is available online. This provides expectations, guidelines and procedures that will enhance both volunteer and staff experiences. It also will serve as a training tool for our PTOs.

## **Summary**

Volunteers continue to positively impact the daily experiences of students and staff. Although accurate statistics are illusive, estimates indicate consistent and powerful parent and community involvement in helping "all students become successful learners, caring individuals, and responsible citizens."